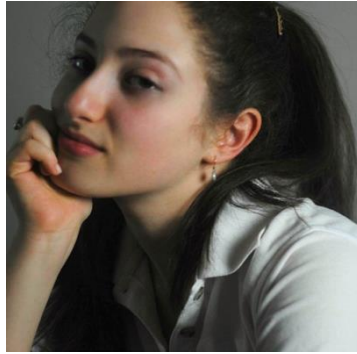


LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Knowledge. The pursuit of knowledge is the most primal of human endeavours. Coupled with our anxiety of the unknown, human creativity has marked our species' history with a unique trajectory of



scientific discovery and innovation. As inhabitants of the modern age, we are all-too-familiar with the pressures of having to know as much as possible about everyone and everything around us— be it through our phones six hours a day or our textbooks six hours before a test. But in an era where scientific inquiry is emphasized to be the most reliable method for acquiring knowledge, many of us are understandably left asking, *what purpose, if any, does philosophy serve?*

Wisdom. Philosophy comes from the Greek word *philosophia*, which translates into love of wisdom. This love manifests through asking fundamental questions about knowledge, existence, reason, thought, and value. As philosophers, it is our duty (or curse depending on whom you ask) to question everything we know while also listening to and studying that which we know nothing about. And while practicing this way of thinking can feel enlightening, it often fills us with despair and leaves us envious of the ignorant person's bliss. However despite the

hardship, for better or for worse, our love prevails. And in the spirit of true love, we honour the vows we once took with wisdom.

Perhaps the function that philosophy serves will become more salient when we stop comparing its utility to other systems of thought and accept it as a way of life. A brief look at its origins reveals the promethean impulse to philosophize to be the root of all human moral and intellectual inquiry. This ancient process of questioning certainty and searching for meaning is something we engage in everyday—when we think about the person we wish to become, who we want to spend our lives with, and how we can improve the world. Evidently, to be human is to be a philosopher.

In a time of exponential scientific innovation, political division, and the uncertain trajectory of technology, philosophy is the antidote that many of us are searching for. It might not give us the answers we desperately seek, but it will equip us with the essential tools to approach, and furthermore, thrive in the lives we create for ourselves.

With that, I say it is time— now more than ever— to honour our roots and embrace the role of the philosopher.

I call upon you to reignite your love!

Anna Waisman
Editor-in-Chief

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